Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2006

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 16, 2006, there were 499,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2006, a decrease of 2,400 from August 2006 but 18,900 more than the number employed in September 2005.

Agricultural employment was 50,800 persons in September 2006, down 400 from the August 2006 level but 3,100 more than the September 2005 agricultural employment level of 47,700. Non-agricultural employment was 448,300 persons in September 2006. This is a decrease of 2,000 from the August 2006 non-agriculture employment level of 450,300 but 15,800 more than September 2005.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2006 was 3.9 percent. This is a decrease of 1.9 percentage points from the August 2006 rate of 5.8 percent and 1.6 percentage points lower than the September 2005 level of 5.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 12,700 to 519,400 persons in September 2006 from 532,100 persons in August 2006. This is 11,000 more than the September 2005 labour force of 508,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.7 percentage points to 69.6 percent in September 2006 from 71.3 percent in August 2006. The September 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.9 percent.

There were 20,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2006. This is a decrease of 10,200 from August 2006 and is 7,800 less than the number unemployed in September 2005.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 497,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2006, up 7,000 from the August 2006 level of 490,300 and is up 19,000 from the September 2005 employment level of 478,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2006 was 4.3 percent. This is a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the August 2006 rate of 5.4 percent and 1.7 percentage points lower than the September 2005 rate of 6.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 226,100 persons in September 2006 to 16,565,900 persons from 16,792,000 persons in August 2006. In September 2005, there were 16,264,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.9 percentage points to 5.9 percent from the August 2006 level of 6.8 percent. In September 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.4 percent in September 2006. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than August 2006 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the September 2005 level of 6.7 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2006	August 2006	September 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,610.4	18,023.7	17,344.3	-413.3	266.1
Employed ('000)	16,565.9	16,792.0	16,264.6	-226.1	301.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,659.0	14,240.3	13,366.8	-581.3	292.2
Part-Time ('000)	2,906.8	2,551.7	2,897.8	355.1	9.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,044.5	1,231.6	1,079.7	-187.1	-35.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.8	6.2	-0.9	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.5	6.7	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	68.7	67.0	-1.7	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	519.4	532.1	508.4	-12.7	11.0
Employed ('000)	499.1	501.5	480.2	-2.4	18.9
Full-Time ('000)	409.9	428.8	386.5	-18.9	23.4
Part-Time ('000)	89.1	72.7	93.7	16.4	-4.6
Unemployed ('000)	20.4	30.6	28.2	-10.2	-7.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	5.8	5.5	-1.9	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	5.4	6.0	-1.1	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	71.3	67.9	-1.7	1.7
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	1,948.7	1,996.0	1,854.8	-47.3	93.9
Employed ('000)	1,886.2	1,906.2	1,786.4	-20.0	99.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,594.7	1,649.7	1,493.8	-55.0	100.9
Part-Time ('000)	291.5	256.5	292.6	35.0	-1.1
Unemployed ('000)	62.5	89.8	68.4	-27.3	-5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	4.5	3.7	-1.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	4.2	4.1	-0.7	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	75.3	72.2	-2.1	1.0
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	615.1	628.0	608.8	-12.9	6.3
Employed ('000)	590.1	595.1	581.8	-5.0	8.3
Full-Time ('000)	475.5	492.7	476.3	-17.2	-0.8
Part-Time ('000)	114.6	102.4	105.5	12.2	9.1
Unemployed ('000)	25.0	33.0	27.0	-8.0	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	5.3	4.4	-1.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	70.3	68.4	-1.4	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2006	August 2006	September 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	519.4	532.1	508.4	-12.7	11.0
Male	277.7	284.5	275.8	-6.8	1.9
Female	241.7	247.6	232.6	-5.9	9.1
15-24 Years of Age	98.6	111.8	93.1	-13.2	5.5
25+ Years of age	420.9	420.3	415.3	0.6	5.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	499.1	501.5	480.2	-2.4	18.9
Male	267.4	270.8	260.8	-3.4	6.6
Female	231.7	230.7	219.3	1.0	12.4
15-24 Years of Age	89.9	103.5	82.2	-13.6	7.7
25+ Years of age	409.2	398.1	397.9	11.1	11.3
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	20.4	30.6	28.2	-10.2	-7.8
Male	10.4	13.7	15.0	-3.3	-4.6
Female	10.0	16.9	13.2	-6.9	-3.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	8.4	10.9	0.3	-2.2
25+ Years of age	11.7	22.2	17.3	-10.5	-5.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.9	5.8	5.5	-1.9	-1.6
Male	3.7	4.8	5.4	-1.1	-1.7
Female	4.1	6.8	5.7	-2.7	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	8.8	7.5	11.7	1.3	-2.9
25+ Years of age	2.8	5.3	4.2	-2.5	-1.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.6	71.3	67.9	-1.7	1.7
Male	75.5	77.3	74.7	-1.8	0.8
Female	63.9	65.5	61.3	-1.6	2.6
15-24 Years of Age	71.7	81.1	67.2	-9.4	4.5
25+ Years of age	69.2	69.1	68.0	0.1	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September 2006	August 2006	September 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	50.8	51.2	47.7	-0.4	3.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.6	22.6	19.0	0.0	3.6
Utilities	4.3	5.0	4.9	-0.7	-0.6
Construction	31.2	32.2	28.7	-1.0	2.5
Manufacturing	29.0	30.7	29.8	-1.7	-0.8
Trade	77.7	78.9	74.4	-1.2	3.3
Transportation and Warehousing	26.0	24.9	26.8	1.1	-0.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	24.7	26.2	26.3	-1.5	-1.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.8	20.1	17.9	-0.3	1.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.1	13.6	13.4	-1.5	-1.3
Educational Services	39.3	29.6	37.0	9.7	2.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	58.8	59.2	57.7	-0.4	1.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	21.1	23.7	21.0	-2.6	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	31.7	30.5	27.4	1.2	4.3
Other Services	22.6	23.5	21.3	-0.9	1.3
Public Administration	27.4	29.7	26.8	-2.3	0.6
Total	499.1	501.5	480.2	-2.4	18.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	409.9	428.8	386.5	-18.9	23.4
Part-Time	89.1	72.7	93.7	16.4	-4.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	402.6	403.5	380.8	-0.9	21.8
Public Sector	122.2	116.3	118.7	5.9	3.5
Private Sector	280.4	287.2	262.1	-6.8	18.3
Self-Employed	96.5	98.0	99.4	-1.5	-2.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2006	August 2006	September 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,565.9	16,792.0	16,264.6	-226.1	301.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.3	230.3	221.6	-5.0	3.7
Prince Edward Island	71.2	74.5	70.9	-3.3	0.3
Nova Scotia	443.4	453.6	443.4	-10.2	0.0
New Brunswick	357.1	366.8	357.0	-9.7	0.1
Quebec	3,809.8	3,843.5	3,761.0	-33.7	48.8
Ontario	6,472.7	6,598.2	6,419.5	-125.5	53.2
Manitoba	590.1	595.1	581.8	-5.0	8.3
Saskatchewan	499.1	501.5	480.2	-2.4	18.9
Alberta	1,886.2	1,906.2	1,786.4	-20.0	99.8
British Columbia	2,211.0	2,222.3	2,142.7	-11.3	68.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.9	6.8	6.2	-0.9	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.8	13.8	13.2	-2.0	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	7.8	8.4	8.3	-0.6	-0.5
Nova Scotia	7.1	7.8	7.8	-0.7	-0.7
New Brunswick	7.3	8.8	8.5	-1.5	-1.2
Quebec	7.3	7.8	7.6	-0.5	-0.3
Ontario	6.3	7.1	6.1	-0.8	0.2
Manitoba	4.1	5.3	4.4	-1.2	-0.3
Saskatchewan	3.9	5.8	5.5	-1.9	-1.6
Alberta	3.2	4.5	3.7	-1.3	-0.5
British Columbia	4.4	5.4	5.1	-1.0	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July-Sept 2006	June-August 2006	July-Sept 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.7	8.3	8.8	-0.6	-1.1
Halifax	5.3	5.0	4.9	0.3	0.4
Saint John	6.8	7.3	7.9	-0.5	-1.1
Quebec	4.9	4.4	5.9	0.5	-1.0
Montreal	8.1	8.2	8.7	-0.1	-0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.2	7.6	0.5	-1.9
Greater Sudbury	7.9	7.4	8.4	0.5	-0.5
Toronto	7.3	7.1	7.4	0.2	-0.1
Winnipeg	5.0	4.6	5.5	0.4	-0.5
Regina	5.2	4.9	5.2	0.3	0.0
Saskatoon	4.3	4.9	5.5	-0.6	-1.2
Calgary	3.6	3.5	3.7	0.1	-0.1
Edmonton	4.3	4.4	4.5	-0.1	-0.2
Vancouver	4.7	4.5	6.2	0.2	-1.5
Victoria	4.1	3.5	4.7	0.6	-0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	150.8	150.4	149.7	0.4	1.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	55.2	55.6	51.8	-0.4	3.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	159.3	160.0	155.9	-0.7	3.4
Yorkton-Melville	40.9	41.1	41.8	-0.2	-0.9
Prince Albert & Northern	95.6	96.1	90.7	-0.5	4.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance

TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July-Sept 2006	June-August 2006	July-Sept 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	525.6	527.3	517.8	-1.7	7.8
Employed ('000)	500.1	501.1	489.9	-1.0	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	25.5	26.2	27.8	-0.7	-2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	5.4	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.7	69.1	-0.2	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.2	65.4	-0.2	1.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	487.9	488.2	480.9	-0.3	7.0
Employed ('000)	467.6	467.5	459.4	0.1	8.2
Unemployed ('000)	20.3	20.7	21.4	-0.4	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.0	69.6	0.0	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.0	66.5	0.0	1.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	37.7	39.0	36.9	-1.3	0.8
Employed ('000)	32.5	33.6	30.5	-1.1	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	5.5	6.4	-0.3	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.9	14.0	17.3	-0.1	-3.4
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	66.5	64.3	-2.3	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.3	57.2	53.1	-1.9	2.2
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.1	16.1	14.9	-1.0	0.2
Employed ('000)	11.6	12.5	11.7	-0.9	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.5	3.6	3.2	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.9	22.3	21.4	0.6	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	56.5	60.4	57.1	-3.9	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	43.5	47.0	44.9	-3.5	-1.4
METIS					
Labour Force ('000)	22.6	22.9	21.9	-0.3	0.7
Employed ('000)	20.9	21.0	18.7	-0.1	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	1.8	1.9	3.2	-0.1	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	8.1	14.5	-0.3	-6.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	71.5	70.3	-0.9	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	65.7	60.1	-0.6	5.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Department of Finance